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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR
(CISCO)

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1. DEPARTMENT, DOD AND COLLINS INTERNATIONAL RECOMMEND THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN RE EXTORTION THREAT AT THIS TIME. SHOULD WOULD-BE EXTORTIONIST RENEW THREAT, EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN HIS CREDIBILITY AND SPECIFIC DEMANDS. CONGEN SHOULD LIMIT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER TO BAKER AND, IF NECESSARY, MCCALISTER. WE APPRECIATE DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR BAKER, AND HE IS FREE, OF COURSE, TO MAKE OWN JUDGMENT ABOUT REMAINING.

2. DURING THEIR DEBRIEFING (WHICH HAS BEEN POUCHED) TENNECO FOUR SAID THAT ELF SAID REPEATEDLY THEY HAD "NO QUARREL" WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TRIED TO AVOID
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VIOLENCE AGAINST FOREIGNERS. WHILE THEY RESENTED PRESENCE

OF KAGNEW, THEIR POLICY HAD ALWAYS BEEN TO LEAVE IT ALONE FOR FEAR THAT ANY ATTACK WOULD DRAW U.S. MORE DEEPLY INTO ERITREA ON IEG SIDE. TENNECO FOUR DEALT ONLY WITH ELF, OF COURSE, AND PLF POLICY MAY BE DIFFERENT. ALSO EVENTS OF LAST TWO MONTHS IN BOTH ADDIS ABABA AND ERITREA MAY HAVE RENDERED THIS POLICY OBSOLETE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF ANY FOLLOW-UP DEMANDS, CONGEN ASSESSMENT AND VIEWS ON WHETHER ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED. PLEASE INFORM DOD ON FUTURE REPORTING. INGERSOLL

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